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FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT TO PHNOM PENH DTD 21 APR 73

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, MOPS, CB

SUBJECT: PRESS STORIES RE CIVIL WAR IN CAMBODIA

1. WASHINGTON POST, NEW YORK TIMES AND AP TICKERS OUT TODAY CARRY STORIES REGARDING CIVIL NATURE CAMBODIAN WAR. AP STORY STATES " THE WAR IN CAMBODIA HAS BECOME AN EXCLUSIVE FIGHT BETWEEN NATIVE GUERRILLAS AND GOVERNMENT FORCES, WITH THE NORTH VIETNAMESE IN THE BACKGROUND KEEPING GUARD OVER SUPPLY TRAILS INTO SOUTH VIET- NAM, A U. S. EMBASSY OFFICIAL SAID TODAY..."

2. SINCE THE FOREGOING IS SIGNIFICANTLY IN CONTRAST WITH ALL OFFICIAL EMBASSY REPORTING AND WITH OUR INTELLIGENCE FROM OTHER SOURCES, REQUEST EMBASSY EXPLAIN BY URGENT MESSAGE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH UNDERLY THESE REPORTS. IF AN EMBASSY OFFICER HAS SUBSTANTIVE EVIDENCE WHICH CONTRAVENES OFFICIAL EMBASSY REPORTING, HE SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO FORWARD THIS EVIDENCE TO WASHINGTON

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IMMEDIATELY FOR EVALUATION. IF NOT, THE OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE- COMMENTS SHOULD BE APPROPRIATELY REPRIMANDED.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL ISSUE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES WHICH HAVE BEEN PROVOKED BY THESE STORIES:

" OUR OWN INFORMATION TO DATE BASED ON CONTINUOUS EMBASSY PHNOM PENH REPORTING AND OTHER SOURCES DOES NOT AGREE WITH PRESS STORIES. WE DO UNDERSTAND THAT MAIN INFANTRY COMBAT IS PRESENTLY KHMER. BUT WE ALSO CONTINUE TO HAVE INDICATIONS THAT CADRE INCLUDES NVA, THAT HEAVY WEAPONS SUPPORT IS NVA, AS IS LOGISTICS AND COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT."

4. UNLESS COUNTRY TEAM VIEW OF SITUATION HAS ALTERED SO SHARPLY IN PAST FEW DAYS THAT EMBASSY WISHES TO CHANGE ITS PREVIOUS REPORTING, ALL MEMBERS OF MISSION SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO CONFORM WITH DEPARTMENT'S POSITION IN ANY CONTACTS THEY MAY HAVE WITH THE PRESS.

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